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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE OMITTED PARA 3 SUB-PARA 2)

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SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT AMBASSADOR BUNKER PROPOSES TO MAKE ON ARRIVAL AT TOCUMEN AIRPORT, SUBJECT TO ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS WHICH AMBASSADOR SAYRE MAY HAVE.

2. ONCE THERE IS AN APPROVED FINAL TEXT EMBASSY SHOULD UNDERTAKE TRANSLATION AND REPRODUCTION.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: ON OCTOBER 5 IN NEW YORK THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF PANAMA AND I WERE  
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PRESENT WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ADDRESSED HIS

WESTERN HEMISPHERE COLLEAGUES AND CALLED FOR "A NEW DIALOGUE WITH OUR FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAS." SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL APPROACH THAT DIALOGUE WITH AN OPEN MIND, AND THAT IN THE DIALOGUE NO INSTITUTION OR TREATY ARRANGEMENT IS BEYOND EXAMINATION. THE MISSION WHICH BRINGS ME TO PANAMA IS IN THAT SPIRIT.

QUOTE: ALMOST A DECADE HAS PASSED SINCE I LAST HAD OCCASION TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. MUCH HAS TRANSPIRED. ON THIS MY FIRST VISIT TO PANAMA, I COME TO CATCH UP -- TO LISTEN AND LEARN. IT IS MY HOPE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER TACK AND I CAN INITIATE A NEW DIALOGUE THAT WILL RESULT IN THE PROMPTEST POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AND MODERN TREATY ARRANGEMENT.

QUOTE: SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WILL REQUIRE ACCOMODATIONS ON BOTH SIDES. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES WILL REQUIRE FLEXIBILITY AND PATIENCE ON THE PART OF THE NEGOTIATORS AND THE PUBLIC ALIKE. IF THE CHALLENGE IS GREAT, SO ARE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR STATECRAFT TO ACHIEVE A LASTING SETTLEMENT WHICH SERVES THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND MEETS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE WORLD IN MANAGING A MAJOR AVENUE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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